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LETTER DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to submit, enclosed herewith, a letter dated 8 September 1993 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, Mr. Nikica Valentić, addressed to you.

I would be grateful if you would provide for the distribution of this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 8 September 1993 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia addressed to the Secretary-General

My Government and I personally hereby draw your attention to the crime which occurred today in the village of Kusonje near Pakrac - Sector West. During the ceremony in commemoration of 18 Croatian police officers who perished on that spot two years ago, 3 persons were killed and 8 wounded by an enemy mine. The casualties include members of the Croatian Armed Forces, newsmen and the mother of one of the commemorated policemen, as well as a member of the Argentine battalion of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR).

In terms of its tragic consequences and morbid motives this terrorist act - the attack on people in a moment when they were paying homage to the dead - clearly bears witness to the criminal behaviour and intentions of our enemy.

United Nations forces share responsibility for such terrorist activity because they have not prevented attacks with the United Nations protected areas under their protection. Therefore, the Croatian Government again cautions that it will, should the conduct of UNPROFOR continue to be inefficient, find ways to prevent terrorism on its own with legitimate means at its disposal. This tragic event is indeed the last straw which may overtax our patience. This should be borne in mind by the Serbian paramilitary forces in the United Nations protected areas and United Nations units, but also by the entire international community. The Republic of Croatia has really been taxed to the limits of its tolerance and dignity.

In addressing this protest to you, we concurrently urge you to do everything in order to put a stop to acts of criminal terrorism.

THE PRIME MINISTER
Nikica Valentić